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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SI Division

SUBJECT : Employment of Juri RAUS

1. Juri RAUS first came to the attention of CIA in December 1959 when he was interviewed and assessed by Agency officers, acting under Department of Army cover, for a hot-war contingency reserve training program. RAUS was adjudged to be an excellent candidate for training as leader of an Estonian guerrilla warfare group, since he was a university graduate, active in the U.S. Army reserves, and a leader of the Legion of Estonian Liberation, a group of U.S. citizens of Estonian origin. RAUS was subsequently tested, cleared and employed for this program after having signed appropriate secrecy agreements. The program involved an initial training period followed by subsequent periodic refresher training designed to insure retention of acquired intelligence and para-military skills.

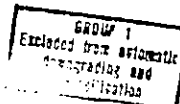
2. During this time period RAUS was employed by the Connecticut State Highway Department. In January 1963 RAUS came to Washington to accept employment as a traffic engineer with the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Commerce. Accordingly, an Agency liaison officer contacted the responsible Security officer of the Department of Commerce in order to advise him on a confidential basis of Agency interest in RAUS and to obtain concurrence for his continued use. The Agency liaison officer was advised that there was no objection, and the Commerce Security officer subsequently briefed RAUS' supervisor appropriately.

3. At approximately this time RAUS was employed by another element of the Agency in his capacity as leader of the Legion of Estonian Liberation, his function being to provide biographic data on individuals who could be used either as foreign intelligence sources or for operational missions for collection of foreign intelligence. It was in this context that discussions were held with RAUS in 1963 concerning Erik HEINE, who was then visiting the United States from Canada where he was then resident. RAUS' employment by this element of the Agency involved primarily evening and week-end work. He was given assignments and produced oral and written reports.

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5. For a number of reasons, including his past history and his position as National Commander of the Legion of Estonian Liberation, the defendant has been a source to this Agency of foreign intelligence information pertaining, ~~in the United States~~ ^{from Estonia and to} inter alia, to Estonian emigre activities in foreign countries as well as in the United States ^{to Estonia} ~~and their connection with the Estonian resistance movement in the Soviet Union.~~

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